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The agenda notification of GBM wide Ref.No.GS/IAFM/Conf.20/Jan-2020 dated 01.01-2020 was circulated to all the members and was also uploaded on official website of IAFM. Total 113 members were present in the meeting. [Date was corrected 30.01.2020 to 31.01.2020 and time was also rescheduled to 3.45 pm instead of 5.00 pm.]

Meeting opened by President, Dr.P.C. Vyas and he welcome all IAFM Life Members present in the meeting.

Obituary: No information received regarding Obituary this year

Agenda item No.1: Confirmation of Minutes:

- Minutes of GBM of held at Jodhpur, Rajasthan, dated: 01.02.2019 with follow up action taken report by General Secretary, Dr.Mukesh Yadav. General Secretary read minutes of last meeting and confirmed by the house.

Agenda item No.2:

General Secretary Report, presented by Dr.Mukesh Yadav:

- He informed about the Annual Report of IAFM and activities held since last GBM at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- A total of four E.C. Meetings held: One at Jodhpur, 2nd at GAMC, Banda, U.P., 3rd at Ahmadabad and 4th at AMC & Hospital, Hyderabad.
- A CME on Theme: Role of Forensic Medicine in implementing new curriculum and AETCOM Module, which was accredited by UP State Medical Council, held at GAMC, Banda
- Nominations for IAFM Fellowship from Five Zone and H&B LTA Award were discussed and decision was left to the President and Secretary with consultation with Dr.S.K. Roy Chaudhary and Past President, Dr. Kalpesh Saha for H& B LTA Award.
- Website was updated and domain and services for update was renewed for one year.

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Agenda item No.3:

Editors Report presented by Dr Tanuj Kanchan:

- 1) Gratitude to joint editor, other editorial board members, and most importantly the reviewers and contributors of the JIAFM for all the support.
- 2) A balance of rupees 580000.00 was transferred by the previous editor Dr Dasari Harish. The balance now stands at rupees 944824.00, a net earning rupees 364824.00 in the year 2019 alone.
- 3) A total of 84 articles were published in the year 2019.
- 4) Introduction of a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for the reviewers of JIAFM for their contributions to the success of the journal.
- 5) Proposal to increase the manuscript handling charges for non-members from 1500 to 2000 per article was approved. The manuscript handling charges for the members to remain the same as before i.e. 1000/- per article.
- 6) Provision for fast track review and issuance of acceptance letter on request for promotion purposes was introduced at an enhanced fee of Rs 5000 per article. The proposal was accepted with a condition that though acceptance letter will be issued on urgent basis, there will not be any breaking of the queue, or out of turn preference for publication of such articles.
- 7) Manuscript handling charges to be taken during the review process. Any author withdrawing the article will automatically lose the manuscript handling charges.
- 8) No manuscript handling charges to be taken from international authors for now. Such articles however, should be restricted to 1 or 2 articles per issue.
- 9) Dr BD Gupta proposed that following the international standards; there is no need to put the prefix of Dr for the editor, editorial and advisory board etc. The suggestion was not approved by the members.
- 10) Dr Amandeep reiterated the need for our own manuscript submission system, which was one of the lacunae pointed by PubMed.
- 11) Dr. Shilekh Mittal suggested that JIAFM should approach different indexing agencies to increase its stature.
- 12) Editor said that he is awaiting for the comments for rectification as received from PubMed by the previous editor Dr D Harish sir, so that necessary action can be taken. Mean while focus is to improve the position of journal in Scopus and its subscription base in India.

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Agenda item No.4:

Treasurer's Report presented by Dr CB Jani:

- Gratitude to Dr.S.K. Dadu, previous Treasurer, IAFM Sir and Dr Murli Lalwani.

Agenda item Sanction of Life Membership of IAFM:

- 2 rejected (1 from Ayurveda and other was physician practitioner not involved in medicolegal work)
- Last membership was at 1481. Now 1482 to 1507 members as of now.
- Dr Mahesh Krishna being the oldest new member.
- IT Return details for 2019-2020, with a refund of Rs.27156/- as per record.

As per Audited Report up to Dec 2019

- Total balance is around Rs.6600000/- with FDR worth Rs.4561881/-.
- It was proposed by Dr. Mukesh Yadav and seconded by Dr. A.J. Patowary that most of the money in SB A/C be converted to FDR too, and that required for routine purposes be kept in SB A/C
- Rs.200000 received from Dr PC Vyas for "Forensic Medicine-2019" held at Jodhpur, Rajasthan as 10% of the delegate fee. Thanks was extended to Dr Vyas for compliance.

Agenda Item Awards and IAFM Fellowship:

- Travel Award: Oli Goswami approved after her presentation; Proposed by Dr.C.B. Jani Seconded by Dr. Tanuj Kanchan.
- Travel award to be increased from Rs.5000/- to 10000/- INR. Rs.75000/- have been deposited in the SB A/C to facilitate this.
- It was decided that IAFM will pay the award amount irrespective of the interest rates on the deposited amount

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Agenda item No.5:

Message by Dr Reddy (Org Chairman)

- Dr.G. Surendra Reddy, announced deposit of Rs.100000/- in IAFM Account against 10% contribution as per Protocol.
- Next ANC 42nd Conference proposal for "Forensic Medicon-2021": Only one proposal of Prof. (Dr.) Geeta Sahu from SCB Medical College, Deptt. of Forensic Medicine, Cuttack, Orissa was received. She agreed to keep the minimum delegate registration amount to be the same as was in Hyderabad. Next conference decided to be held at SCB Medical College, Cuttack, Orissa.
- Dr TK Bose proposed a differential delegate fee for members and non-members.
- Dr Tulsi Mahto suggested that no increase should be there in the existing registration fee.
- Dr Tulsi Mahto suggested that date or week of the conference every year to be fixed. Members agreed in principle, but said that the final decision should be taken by the Organizing Secretary, depending upon local requirements.
- Dr Mukesh Yadav asked Dr Sanjay Gupta to update/address the house for his proposal to recognize the efforts of faculty achievers. Dr BD Gupta asked him to detail about it. It was decided that a committee be formed under Dr BD Gupta, Chairmanship to frame the draft and guidelines relating to the matter, and the same may be presented to the EC and GBM later for comments and approval. It was decided that Dr Sanjay Gupta will be part of the committee.
- Dr L. Fimate Sir pointed out that the protocol was breached during the Forensic Medicon 2020 and future organizers should ensure that IAFM protocol be adhered to strictly. He also talked about the active role of medicolegal societies of all states under a national federation.
- Dr Tulsi Mahto sir pointed out at the possibility of getting incentives for postmortem examinations throughout India.
- Dr G Pradeep Kumar called Dr Bande Nawaz who read the recent comments by Dr Devi Shetty which said that Forensic Medicine is not required for MBBS students in India. It was decided that IAFM to take cognizance of the statement and seriously condemn it, and write to the Chief of the MCI/ NMC regarding the matter.

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- IAFM to contribute to the new curriculum recommendation for uniformity of Forensic Medicine teaching in UG and PG courses and examination pattern, PM work etc. Dr G Pradeep Kumar highlighted the proactive role of Karnataka Medicolegal Society (KAMLS) in this regard. Dr BD Gupta said that KAMLS should submit and post the relevant material on IAFM website for comments. Other states can follow the same way. Dr Cyriac Job reiterated the need for follow up of curriculum at the national level.
- Dr CB Jani briefed the members that in the EC meeting held on 22.06.2019, two committees were constituted to work on the issue:
 - 1) Uniformity of curriculum (Forensic teaching) throughout India under Dr Cyriac Job
 - 2) Uniformity of medicolegal services throughout India under Dr. Indrajeet Khandekar who said that suggestions from all the members are welcome and the same can be submitted to the IAFM. (Upload invitation of suggestions on Website)
 - 3) Dr BD Gupta asked about the progress made in the above two matters from June 2019 till date. He said that suggestions by committee members should be given in a definite time frame, and all to be updated on the related issues.
 - 4) Dr. Rajesh, proposed on the possibility of increasing staff requirements based on quantum of medicolegal work.
 - 5) Dr Swati suggested the possibility of starting DM courses in various specialties of Forensic Medicine. Dr Srinivas supported it and said such courses would be beneficial to the subject specialty of Forensic Medicine.
 - 6) Dr Mohite briefed the members that certain fellowships in Forensic Pathology are already running in Mumbai.
 - 7) Dr Mahesh Krishna said that he already had made proposals for fellowship and DM in Clinical Forensic Medicine long time back. It was requested that he shares the document for considering development of DM programs.
 - 8) Dr Pawan Waghmare questioned the utility, scope and job opportunities for those who decide to take up DM programs, if and when such programs are started.

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- 9) Dr. Waghmare said that tests conducted/ reports issued from their medical colleges should be allowed/ acceptable in courts. Dr. BD Gupta said that it is a misconception that our reports will not be accepted, in fact our reports are accepted in courts. It was decided that the committee working on legal issues, CrPC etc. should work on clarifying these issues also.
- 10) Committee comprises Dr. B.D. Gupta and Dr. Sanjay Gupta for recommendations and suggestions for New Award/ Appreciation for young faculty contribution recognition and motivation.

Agenda Item-6: Any other item, with permission of the Chair:

- The agenda was suggested by Dr. P.C. Vyas for congratulating members conferred "IAFM Fellowships" and "Haque & Bose Life Time Achievement Award" for the year 2020. House unanimously congratulates the awardees:
 - 1) Dr. G. Pradeep Kumar awarded with "Haque & Bose Life Time Achievement Award"
 - 2) Dr. S.D. Nanadkar (WZ) – IAFM Fellowship
 - 3) Dr. P. Sampath Kumar (SZ) – IAFM Fellowship
 - 4) Dr. Tulsi Mahto (EZ) – IAFM Fellowship
 - 5) Dr. Vijay Pal ((NZ) – IAFM Fellowship
 - 6) Dr. Adarsh Kumar (CZ) – IAFM Fellowship

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by General Secretary and meeting was dispersed.

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(Prof. (Dr.) Mukesh Yadav)

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